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II—Fire Funds.....£3,837,947.  
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Sinking Fund Account.....£23,970,387.  
Revenue Fire Branch.....£2,381,456.  
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**THE WAR.**  
**TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.**  
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**AIR-RAIDS ON LONDON.**  
**HARROWING DETAILS.**

LONDON, Jan. 30.  
Harrowing details of Monday night's raid show that the worst tragedy occurred in the occupied basement of a building where, besides 100 men composed of the staff of the building, many women and children were taking shelter. A bomb blew out the walls, and the floors, with heavy machinery, collapsed upon the shelterers. The water tanks burst, causing a flood and damaging many of the survivors of the explosion and a fire then completed the catastrophe. The whole building became a roaring furnace, and firemen and police were quickly on the scene and were assisted by soldiers who worked very hard fighting the flames and clearing the debris, enabling many to escape. The rescuers found groups of women crushed by blocks of concrete, and children killed in their mothers' arms. Forty bodies were recovered by yesterday morning. Another victim in London was a septuagenarian rector who was busy with the usual fetching of poor parishioners to a refuge. He was killed on reaching the refuge. Later, fourteen people were crushed to death in a renewal of the raid, after midnight on Monday. They were part of a crowd which rushed to a certain shelter the gates of which were found locked.

**TEN AEROPLANES REACHED LONDON.**  
Mr. MacPherson, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, stated in the House of Commons that it was estimated that ten enemy aeroplanes reached London, on Monday. He admitted that a number of casualties were due to crowding at an air-raid shelter. He emphasised that those asking questions should remember the number of times the raiders were turned back.

**A THIRD RAID.**  
**NO MACHINES PENETRATE LONDON DEFENCES.**  
London, Jan. 30.  
The Press Bureau announces that hostile aeroplanes crossed the Essex and Kent coasts at 2.49 yesterday evening. None of the machines penetrated the London defences, but bombs are reported to have been dropped on the outskirts of London. The raid is still in progress.

Last night's raid ended early this morning, long after gunfire had ceased. The London raiders apparently covered a wide area on the outskirts without penetrating the city. The destruction of a trader in Essex, on Monday, resulted from a burning light at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The Gotha was hastening towards the coast when a small British one-seater picked her up on the outskirts of London and gave chase. The duel continued for twenty minutes, both descending till when 800 feet above a village the Gotha was hit and fell in a burst of flames. The crew were captured. The British airman did not alight but shot in vain at a number of other aircraft.

Correspondents at Headquarters state that the feature of recent British bombing raids in Germany is the liberal machine-gunning, the airman swooping down and attacking the anti-aircraft defences, searchlights, trains, railway stations, munition factories, besides heavily bombing.

**A CONFERENCE IN PARIS.**  
London, Jan. 29.  
Lord Milner and General Sir William Robertson accompanied Mr. Lloyd George to Paris. The Italian Premier has also left London for Paris.

**STRIKES IN GERMANY SPREADING.**  
**A SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING.**  
London, Jan. 29.  
The latest unofficial reports leave little doubt regarding the seriousness of the German strikes which are spreading from district to district. Factory meetings are prohibited in all industrial centres. The Frankfurt Zeitung states that apart from the 100,000 workers on strike in Berlin, the movement has spread to the Bochum mining district, which is a most important manufacturing centre. The workers at a torpedo factory at Friedrichsort and of the Germania Dockyard at Kiel have struck, owing to their leaders having been called up for Military Service.

**1,500,000 AMERICANS FOR FRANCE.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.  
Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, addressing the Senate Military Committee, said there were now in the United States sixteen National Army camps and sixteen National Guard camps, otherwise 82 full divisions of men ready to go to France. It had been the policy of the War Department to send men to Europe as rapidly as the production capacity of the country was able to provide for them. The United States would have half a million men in France shortly, and during 1918 1,500,000 more men would be available to go there.

**LORD DERRY REFUTES RUMOURS.**  
London, Jan. 29.  
Lord Derry, speaking at the Aldwych Club, declared that undue prominence had been given to the breakdown at Cambrai, which was the sort of thing that might happen to us, or to the Germans, at any time. In refuting the allegation of the existence of a ring against promotion of new Army officers Lord Derry mentioned that the second cook of a College of Cambridge University had become a most efficient Staff officer, an ex-Sergeant-Major had been promoted to the Commander ship of an Infantry brigade and an ex-New Sergeant had become Commander of an Infantry battalion.

Lord Derry asserted that neither he nor the Cabinet wavered in the least in their allegiance to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Sir William Robertson. (Continued on Page 2.)



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## NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO. begs to notify its Customers and the Public that owing to the HEAVY INCREASES in the cost of obtaining its necessities, particularly Coal, it has no option but to INCREASE the PRICE OF GAS by 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, making the price \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic feet, dating from the 1st February, 1918.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GEORGE CURRY,  
Local Secretary.

HONGKONG, Jan. 29, 1918.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & CO., Limited, on TUESDAY the 5th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 1st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 5th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,  
General Managers.

HONGKONG, Jan. 25, 1918.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 9th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

HONGKONG, Jan. 26, 1918.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 4th to SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOVER

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## PRECAUTIONS IN NEW YORK.

Unusual precautions were taken by the Department of Justice to guard against any of the German and Austrian diplomats sailing on the Norwegian-American liner *Bergensfjord* from seeing any of the New York water front on their way to the ship. The *Bergensfjord* sailed from 30th Street, Brooklyn, for Bergen, Norway, and it was decided to permit the diplomats to leave on her. Many of them came from China. Others from Central and South American countries. They had with them their families and servants.

Safe conducts were granted by the French and British Governments, as well as Washington, and the diplomats had been in New York several days, many of them stopping at the Holland House and the Hotel Wallick. In the party was Dr. A. von Roethorn, who was Austrian Minister to China, and Dr. George Barthelme, who was arrested recently in Wichita, Kan., where raids were made on German propaganda.

WOMEN DRIVERS, CLOSED CARS. When the party from China reached San Francisco in October the members were immediately placed under surveillance and they had been watched ever since to prevent them from taking to Germany any important information regarding the military activities of America.

When the *Bergensfjord* was about to sail, twenty-seven automobiles with their curtains drawn appeared at the hotels to take the enemy aliens and the Austrians to the South Brooklyn pier. The cars belonged to the Motor Corps of the National League for Women's Service, a volunteer organization, and members of the corps, dressed in khaki and led by Capt. Helen Bartolo, drove the cars. Also seventy Secret Service men were assigned to the cars to see that none of those who were to sail took a car out of the car on the pier across the East River, or down the Brooklyn water front. There were eight-eight in the party of aliens. Crowds collected in front of the hotels as they got into the cars and were then hurriedly taken to the pier.

Special Deputy Collector of Customs H. C. Stuart had a section of the pier roped off and the Germans and Austrians were kept there while their baggage was minutely examined. Then they were allowed to board the ship, but were required to remain in the main saloon, the ports of which had been covered until the liner was past Sandy Hook.

The party arrived at the pier at noon and the liner did not sail until 4.15 p.m. when it was dark. This was due

however, to the baggage scrutinizing. The baggage of all the passengers, of whom there were 1,100, was carefully searched, as were the quarters of the crew. The liner carried 7,500 tons of general cargo, but no foodstuffs.

Those in the German party on board included Consul-General Habert Knipping, Vice-Consul Karl von Hippel, interpreter Karl Schirmer, with his wife, daughter and son, Chancellor Herman Gatten, with his wife, two sons and two daughters; Dr. Anton Arnold, former financial adviser of the Chinese Government; Miss A. Buchenthaler, sister of the former Assistant Military Attaché of the German Legation at Peking; Mrs. T. Strasser, wife of the former chief architect of the German fortress at Tientsin; and her daughter; Mrs. L. Pfutzenreuter, widow of the late representative of Siemens-Schuckert at Peking, with her son and daughter; Mrs. A. Ahlers, wife of Capt. Ahlers, former representative of the Krupp at Peking, with her daughter, Miss E. Ahlers; a son of the late Lieut.-Commander von Salden, who was captured by the Japanese and died in captivity, with his governess; Mrs. Ruth Ross, wife of the manager of Mayer and Son in Peking; and Paul Schoels, with his wife, three children and three nurses.

The Austrians besides Dr. von Roethorn, who was accompanied by his wife and Dr. Barthelme, were R. Weinert and his wife, L. Bauer and his wife, Baron von Babo and his wife, F. Kneusel, A. Lindemayr, Dr. Carl Bernauer, Adolph Kunz, F. Winkler and his wife, F. Mitura, L. Peter, K. J. Mora with his wife and two children; M. Kara, A. Bajor, H. Steinsacker, F. J. Kell, Mr. Nagy, Mrs. Kana, Miss S. Green; Mrs. De Marteau and Mrs. H. Zecharias.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE OF VOLUNTEERS. During the entire time the diplomats were in New York, each was under surveillance of members of the American Protective League, in co-operation with the Department of Justice. Sixty volunteer workers, some of whom are well known in the business and pro-

fessional world, stood guard at the Hotel Wallick and the Holland House. They were under the command of Capt. William A. Callahan, and took turns in performing their duties.

Not until the party boarded the steamer was the work of the volunteers completed.

## GERMANY'S BEST CURE.

Mr. John Pollock sends to the "Nineteenth Century" a description of the state of Russia. He says:—

The Germans treat their Eastern front as a rear camp for divisions battered to pieces on the West, and have hung all their fresh troops against the fighting Allies. An attack would save Russia for the sterling qualities of the Russian soldier would be swung into renewed activity. But the Germans who saw where their real chance lay before anybody else, will be too clever to make this mistake so long as the invasion of the Russian Army is of importance to them.

What will happen? Is the question on all Russian lips. The answer most commonly given, not only in private, but even publicly now in the Press, is that a Dictator will arise, restore order with a strong hand, lead the army to glory, and Russia to prosperity. At present there seems no obvious candidate for the post, but should one be found the aspect of the scene might change for the good, even quicker than it has changed for the bad. If the mass of the Cossacks, five million warlike soldiers, are really becoming discontented, as it would seem that at least some are, the issue may lie in their hands. But whoever the Dictator might be he would be hailed as a saviour by almost all thinking men in Russia.

Mr. Pollock ends with the remark that Russia is a land of wonders, and the wonder of re-born patriotism may be nearer than any can know.

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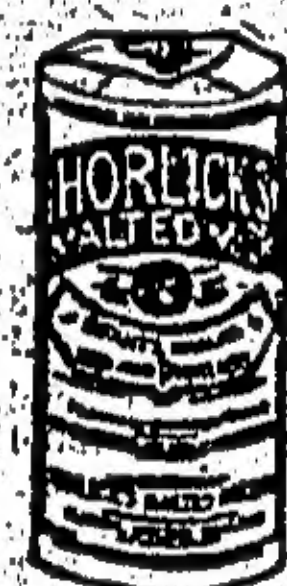
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## THE MAGISTRACY.

Wednesday, January 30.

## CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST A TRAM DRIVER.

In Mr. Wood's Court, this afternoon the case was resumed in which a Chinese tram driver was charged with the manslaughter of an Indian watchman by driving his car over him at Wanchai near the No. 2 Police Station, on the 22nd inst.

Mr. Mattingly, appearing for the defendant, said he had a preliminary observation to make. The defendant, he stated, was arrested immediately after the accident and kept in goal for 48 hours before he was allowed bail.

Inspector Sim replied that this was not so, the man having been inadvertently detained in the cells at No. 2 Station owing to the Gresson Street affray.

Dr. Macfarlane, the Medical officer in charge of the Public Mortuary, gave evidence regarding his post-mortem examination of the deceased Indian, showing that the injuries from which death resulted were very severe.

The Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, C.S.P., was called to give expert evidence. Witness said he had some experience of the working and the uses of brakes. There were two brakes in the tramcar. An electric brake, often called the emergency brake, and the hand brake, worked by a hand wheel, which resulted in the blocks pressing against the car wheel tyres. So long as the wheels of the car did not slip, the braking power increased roughly to the strength exerted on the brake. This was the brake which would actually bring the car to rest. The electric brake was worked by a handle which moved counter clockwise to the brake position. The effect of that action made the motor of the car into a dynamo—that was to say it created a retarding energy; the brake power being increased proportionately to the speed of the car, and if the car decreased in speed, the retarding effect also decreased. This brake would have no force if the wheels of the car skidded. In his opinion, both brakes should be used in cases of emergency.

Mr. Messer then demonstrated with the tramcar.

Cross-examined by Mr. Mattingly, witness said that the effect of cutting off the canopy switch would be to cut off the supply of current from the controller.

Serjt. E. Cotton, giving evidence, said that whilst on duty outside No. 2 Police Station on the morning of the 22nd instant, he heard a loud clanging of a tram bell. He turned round and saw the deceased crossing the road from the side walk to the sea front, right in front of the tramcar, which was proceeding westward. Witness shouted out a warning to the deceased. The car was close on the right side. He stumbled and fell across inside the lines with his head outside the lines, and was run over. He rolled over two or three times, got under the guard and was dragged about 10 feet but the car which then stopped.

After further evidence Mr. Wood adjourned the case.

## A LEGAL POINT.

Mr. A. Stevenson, assistant manager of the Dairy Farm Co., charged seven Chinese before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with being in the servants' quarters of the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam without permission.

Mr. Wood said that according to the Ordinance, the tenant of the house had the right to prevent strangers from entering it. But he did not know whether the same principle would be applicable in the present case.

Mr. Stevenson submitted that he could see no reason why if the ordinance applied to a tenant, it should not also be applicable in the case of a Company. The Dairy Farm Company had often been troubled by strangers being in the Company's premises without permission.

Mr. Wood suggested that it would be best to procure legal advice on the point, and adjourned the case for a week.

Defendants were allowed out on bail of 50 each.

## SHANGHAI'S BUSY JAPANESE.

## A HUNDRED NEW FIRMS.

In a report to the Tokio Foreign Office, extracts from which were recently published in Japan, Mr. Ariyoshi, Consul-General for Japan at Shanghai, tells of the remarkable development of Japan's Commercial interests there; special emphasis is laid on the point of big industrial concerns having been promoted by Japanese capitalists.

At the close of 1917, says the report as partly reproduced by the Japan Advertiser, the number of Japanese residents at Shanghai was 14,000, an increase of 2,500 over the close of the previous year. This fact fully demonstrates the remarkable development of Japan's trade which at the beginning of last year was twice its figure ten years ago.

New Japanese concerns promoted at Shanghai last year number more than 100. Of the number nine are partnerships while eleven are joint stock companies; the rest are private concerns. The rate of increase during last year is roughly 42 per cent.

## INDUSTRIAL FIRMS LEAD.

More important ones are the Mogi Gomei Kaisha, the Shanghai Saren Co., the Shanghai Shimizu Yoko, the Sudo Electrical Co., the Shinkyo Yoko, the Sudo Customs Agency, the Shanghai Koyo Co., the Shanghai Printing Co., the Chugoku Electrical Co., the Shanghai Transportation Co., and others. Industrial concerns have a leading position among them, numbering eight, and trading companies come next, numbering six. Shipping companies number four and banks are one.

Among industrial companies electrical concerns have a leading position. Formerly electric lamps were principally imported by the General Electric Co. of America, but now the consolidation of the Chugoku Electric Industry Co., and the Chugoku Electric Co., both projected by Japanese business men, supplies most of Shanghai's requirements, having imported from Japan only glass bulbs. This year this big undertaking will start a new manufacture of its business in the form of the manufacture of glass bulbs. There is another Japanese electrical concern called the Shanghai Electrical Co., but that has not yet inaugurated its business.

The Shanghai Transportation Co. with a capital of ¥1,000,000 is an undertaking of the Kobe Pier Co. It has been recently organized as the result of more than a year's negotiations with the Koochien Transportation and Tow Boat Co. The business of the latter is now fully taken over by the new Japanese company and about 19 feet by the car which then launches.

## NEW BANK BRANCHES.

The Japanese bankers are also having an important place in the financial circles at Shanghai. During last year the Mitsu Bank and the Mitsubishi Banking Department opened branches and undertake banking transactions in co-operation with the Bank of Taiwan, the Yokohama Specie Bank, and the Sumitomo Bank which set examples before them.

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## THE SHROFF AND THE JOSEMAN.

## A TALE OF CONFIDENCE TRICKS AND IDOLS.

A Chinese who in his youth showed numismatic tendencies, which properly trained by loving parents, blossomed forth as the best qualities of a successful shroff, has a friend who amongst other pursuits followed the profession of a "joesman." In addition to caring for some of the larger gilt deities in the establishment to which he was attached, he kept and trained some diminutive pet idols which performed all manner of amusing and useful tricks. One day quite recently the hero of this sorry tale, the shroff, had a particularly successful day. With a sheet of accounts he had hurried from Hong to Hong, and by various blandishments had accumulated no less than \$800. Feeling content with himself and estimating exactly what "take-off" he could secure without overdoing the artistic triumph of the day, he was proceeding homeward when he met the "joesman" to whom he imparted his good fortune.

The feelings of the latter were of pride in the prowess of his friend, only he wondered why he should spend all day on a job of that nature; he knew a trick worth more than that. The shroff wanted to know what his friend meant and said so. But he was coy and for a long time refused until, seemingly overpersuaded, he confided his secret, one which made the transmutation of metals but food for the amusement of weak children.

After many years of hard work and patience he had trained a little idol of his in the "ten times" multiplication table, and if his friend wanted to make \$4,800 over night here was his opportunity. All he had to do was to leave the money with the little idol for a day and a night after a few charms had been recited, and the little idol would turn the \$800 into ten times that amount.

The shroff was elated with the prospect of such a turnover and consented. The money was placed on a table in the "joesman's" house, with the little idol plummerting at it blandly, and the shroff went home to sleep. The next morning, despite the fact that the trick took a day and a night to work, he called round to see how the little idol was getting on with the job.

The "joesman" was found in Hangchow, but none of the \$800.

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## THE CALENDAR.

### MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9.15 p.m.—Horace Goldin & Co. at Victoria Theatre.

### MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Noon.—Price-giving at Bellini Public School.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, Curios, &c. by Hughes & Hough, at Old Post Office Building.

### GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, Feb. 2.—

2.15 p.m.—Formal opening of Tatum Tuk Reservoir.

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirovitch and M. Piatro.

MONDAY, Feb. 4.—

12 noon.—Price-giving at Ellis Radio School.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5.—

11.30 a.m.—Union Waterboat Co. Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture &c. at Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6.—

Price-giving at Queen's College.

THURSDAY, Feb. 7.—

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirovitch and M. Piatro.

FRIDAY, Feb. 8.—

11.30 a.m.—Humphreys Estate & Finance Co. Annual Meeting.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—

Chinese New Year.

MONDAY, Feb. 12.—

Hongkong Hockey Club Race.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13.—

Second Day of Race.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.—

Third Day of Race.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual prize distribution of the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, which was fixed for this afternoon, was postponed since the day owing to a "break-out" of measles.

The following interim dividends have been declared: Straits, Perlman 5, Sungkat Chumun 10, Tangkoh 4. Final dividends are: Braurston 10, Lumut 12, Lambaus 8.

The Frawley Company which played with great success in Hongkong last year is revisiting the Far East next month—or rather Mr. Frawley is coming with a new company, for out of fifteen members only three were in the original Company which toured the East last year.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 1918.

### JAPAN AND THE WAR.

NOTEWORTHY speeches were made a week ago in the Japanese Diet by Count TERAUCHI, the Prime Minister, in the Upper House, and Baron MOTONO, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the Lower House, on the occasion of the reopening of the Diet. Naturally, both speeches dealt largely with Japan's policy in the war. The Premier spoke of the alliance with Great Britain, and the country's relations with the other Powers allied in the war, as being "constantly strengthened"; he said it was the intention of the Government to pursue the same policy of absolute loyalty and fidelity to its Allies as in the past, in the interests of the safety and welfare of the nation; and he further associated the Government unreservedly with its Allies in the determination not to sheathe the sword until an honourable peace had been secured. In a somewhat pregnant paragraph in his speech the Premier said the situation in Russia was causing him very great anxiety. He was especially concerned to observe that, according to the latest information, the internal disorder in Russia is gradually spreading to her possessions in Eastern Asia, "to the possible menace of the peace of the Far East," the preservation of which, he said, is the leading feature of the national policy of Japan, which holds herself responsible for the maintenance of peace in this part of the world. Consequently in the event of that peace being endangered, to the inevitable detriment of the interests of Japan, the Government, he said, would not hesitate for a moment to take "proper measures." As a true friend of Russia, Japan earnestly hoped that the difficulties in Russia would be speedily settled and a stable Government formed. The Foreign Minister's speech in the Lower House was on much the same lines. In view of the constant criticism of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance by irresponsible writers in the Japanese Press, the emphasis which the Government spokesman laid on the value of the Alliance is not without a special significance. Baron MOTONO is reported as saying: "We are unable to foresee now what may be the situation in the world after the war, but it is certain that, while the common interests of Japan and England in Asia exist, the Government and people of the two nations under-

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### HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The Captain's Cup Competition for January was won by Mr. T. R. Chasels. There were 32 entries. The Boney Pool Competition at Fanning was won by Mr. A. Morrison 1 up. Mr. O. E. Scott being second 1 down. There were 25 entries. The final for the Ladies' Championship was played off on January 20th Mrs. Manning and Miss Wilkinson having qualified as Finalists. At the turn Mrs. Manning was 4 up and later she was 3 up and 3 to play. Miss Wilkinson won the last 3 holes and the Ladies' Championship by 1 hole.

Members are kindly requested to note that ladies can play at Happy Valley in the afternoon of Sundays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. and every Monday from 8.30 to 1 p.m. Sundays and holidays excepted.

The Professional Pairs Competition will be held over the Happy Valley Course after the Races and the entrance list is now open at the Happy Valley Club House.

For the Chinese New Year Holidays, the Bankers have kindly presented two Cups for Men's Boney Pool Competition to be held over the Main Course at Fanning Feb. 9th to 13th inclusive. There will also be a Mixed Foursomes Competition: medal play 18 holes over the Relief Course for the four days of the Holidays. 1st and 2nd Prizes have been kindly presented.

### THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-ninth Report of the Board of Directors states:

Gentlemen.—The Directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company, and a Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The Balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year, including \$991.44 balance brought forward from last account after writing off all charges and expenses, amounts to \$17,468.66. The Directors recommend that a Dividend of \$2.50 per share be paid, which, after providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, will leave a balance of \$1,908.66 to be carried forward to the Credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Messrs. T. F. Hough and J. Badger, now retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Perry Smith who now retires and offers himself for re-election.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Chairman.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

A Chinese marine hawk was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of iron hoops valued at \$3, reasonably suspected of having been stolen.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. He stated that he bought the articles from another Chinese for forty cents. How was he to know if they had been stolen?

Inspector Gordon said the defendant had a previous conviction recorded against him for unlawful possession.

Mr. Wood cautioned defendant against buying stolen property and fined him \$10.

### A YOUTHFUL PICKPOCKET.

A Chinese boy, aged 19, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with stealing \$10 from another Chinese at West Point yesterday.

Complainant stated that when he was approaching a wall near the Salt Fish Lane yesterday, he felt a hand fishing at his pocket. He turned round and saw defendant. He attempted to arrest him but the latter throwing down the money, ran away. Complainant gave chase and ultimately arrested him.

Defendant denied the theft. He said that another man picked the complainant's pockets. When he was discovered this man threw the money on the ground and ran away.

Mr. Wood disbelieved the defendant's story, and sentenced him to six weeks' hard labour.

### THE BEGGING PEST.

An old Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with soliciting alms from passers-by in Lower Castle Road.

Sergt. Aitken said he saw the defendant accosting several people and begging alms from them. Defendant, he added, was a thorough pest to all Europeans who had to pass that way.

Defendant indignantly denied the charge. He said he had regular employment, which consisted in distributing congee to the customers of a hawkier who employed him. He was only stretching his hand to light his pipe when the constable arrested him.

Mr. Dyer Ball remanded the prisoner pending further inquiries.

### ALLEGED THEFT OF SILK JACKETS.

A Chinese youth was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with the theft of two silk jackets valued at \$12 from a shop in Shanghai Street, Yau-mat.

Sergt. Tulloch said that last night the defendant and another man went to this shop and requested to be shown some silk jackets. A number were laid on the counter for their inspection. There was a crowd of customers in the shop at the time, and taking advantage of the shopman's distraction by the crowd, the defendant picked up two jackets from the counter, and concealed them under his coat. He was seen and alarm was given. Defendant dropped the jackets and escaped from the counter. Chase was given and defendant was eventually arrested by a fireman and handed over to a constable.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and accused his friend of having stolen the articles.

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After the evidence was heard Mr. Wood remanded defendant until tomorrow.

### ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with attempting by false pretences, to exchange spurious gold bangles for real ones at a shop in Des Vaux Road Central.

A woman was also charged with being an accomplice.

Mr. J. H. H. of Messrs. Lo and Lo, appeared for the defendants.

Inspector Blomfield gave detailed explanations of what he described as systematic attempts at passing off counterfeit articles for real ones. He said that on the 8th instant, the man went to this shop and purchased a pair of gold bangles for which he paid \$68.80. After a week had passed, he returned to the shop and requested the goldsmith to have the pair exchanged, the reason he gave being that there were some flaws in the bangles. The unsuspecting goldsmith complied with the request and an exchange was effected. Yesterday, the woman came to the shop and offered to sell a pair of gold bangles at \$33. The shopman was suspicious, but on inspecting the bangles, he discovered that the pattern was the same as that which he had exchanged only recently. His suspicion being aroused he tested the bangles and discovered them to be made of spurious gold. The pair he had exchanged was also tested and found to be made of similar metal.

The woman was arrested and she admitted that the man gave her the bangles to sell. He was also arrested and when searched at the Police Station, another pair of spurious bangles was found on him.

Mr. Dyer Ball remanded the case, the first defendant being allowed bail on \$350 and the second defendant on \$50.

## UNION CHURCH.

### MEETING OF SEATHOLDERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

The annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers of Union Church was held in Union Church Hall, last night at 9 o'clock.

Mr. J. Walker presided and there were present the Rev. Kirk Macdonald, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. E. Banfield Cubey (Hon. Secretary) and a number of the seatholders and subscribers.

The meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn and a short prayer, after which the CHAIRMAN called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were duly read and confirmed.

### THE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts, said he took it that all seatholders were aware that the Church Articles, distinctly stated that only seatholders were entitled to vote at that meeting. The Report and Accounts had been in their hands for some time and he therefore proposed to take them as read. The Committee had called them there that evening for the purpose of putting before them the business of electing the officers and committee for the ensuing year. The past year had witnessed some very important transactions of the Church, the principal of which was the acceptance of the Pastor to remain with them. They all knew what a great comfort that had been to the members of Union Church but as Mr. Macdonald was present he had better refrain from saying nice things about him excepting that it seemed as if they were made for each other. There was a little notice in the report—No. 5—to which he would like to refer. Two beams in the Church roof were renewed, but as an amount for the removal of the floors was only provided for, the cost was very kindly paid by a friend. So the amount did not appear in the accounts. He thought the least they could do in the matter was to tender their sincere thanks to the generous donor. It must have cost a considerable sum. He supposed they were wondering who that generous donor was. He could not tell them but their heartfelt thanks would go out to the anonymous friend in the background who had saved the Church a very big sum.

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Mr. Dyer Ball said he was sorry, but he could not help him. A fine of \$5 or two weeks' hard labour was imposed.

### HONGKONG SCHOOLS FOOTBALL.

#### PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

The annual presentation of trophies in connection with the Hongkong Schools Football League took place yesterday at Queen's College Ground at Causeway Bay.

The afternoon's ceremonies opened with the playing of the Final for the Junior Cup in which St. Stephen's School and Wanchai School were the teams to compete for the honours.

There was a very large crowd of visitors and they witnessed a well-contested game; the teams being evenly matched as could be deduced from the result of the game. The game resulted in a Wanchai School securing the victory by two goals to nil.

This game was followed by an exhibition match—Queen's College v. "The Rest," the latter winning the game by three goals to nil.

The presentations then followed. Col. John Ward, M.P., was to have officiated, but he was misdirected and went to the University Playing Fields on Pokfulam Road, and by the time he had discovered the mistake, it was too late for him to distribute the prizes at Causeway Bay.

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anyone would like any explanation as to the Accounts, he would be very pleased to give it. He begged to second the motion.

The motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously adopted.



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE GERMAN BUILDINGS ON THE SHAMREEN.

## QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

London, Jan. 30.  
In the House of Commons, Colonel Yate, Unionist Member for Melton, asked what are the legal questions regarding which a decision is pending, which would prevent the German buildings in the British Concession in Shanghai being taken over and the leases terminated.

Mr. Balfour replied that he was still communicating with the British Minister at Peking in connection with the matter and he could give no information at present.

## CHINA TEA FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

London, Jan. 30.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Parker announced that owing to representations of the Traders it had been arranged that tea would be bought from China on behalf of the Food Ministry, for importation into the United Kingdom, in neutral tonnage.

If sufficient tonnage was available, it was intended to purchase 3,000,000 pounds during 1918. The Food Ministry's agents in China would arrange for the tonnage.

Mr. Parker also stated that it had not yet been possible to decide the percentage of tea which would be imported from India and Ceylon during 1918.

## AUSTRIA AND AMERICA.

## MR. LANSING EXPRESSES SURPRISE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.  
Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, expresses surprise at a newspaper report that Count Czernin's speech was forwarded to President Wilson before it was delivered in Vienna.

Mr. Lansing says that no copy of the speech was received in Washington prior to or after its publication.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(The "China Mail" Service.)

## THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN TO THE CAPITAL.

## HIGHLY SATISFIED.

Peking, Jan. 30.  
The President arrived at the Capital yesterday at 1.27 o'clock in the afternoon and immediately held a conference. He is highly satisfied with his trip. He informed the Premier that the Pangpu Conference was attended by Tsao Kun, Chang Hui Chi and Ngai Chi Chung. Owing to indisposition, Li Shun was unable to attend but sent representatives. Li Shun agreed entirely with the decision of the Pangpu Conference.

Three important mandates will probably be issued on Wednesday afternoon:

1. Directed chiefly against Tain Hoo Ming for beginning hostilities after peace had been declared. It will also order Tsao Kun, Chang Hui Chi and Chung King Yuo to immediately suppress Tain Hoo Ming.
2. In addition to Tsao Kun and Chang Hui Chi, Chang King Yuo will be appointed Commander of an army corps, thus controlling all the forces at the front. Soldiers who do not follow instructions are to be dealt by the severest military laws.
3. Depriving Li Tin Chai of his honours.

Li Shun telegraphs placing his troops at the disposal of Chang Hui Chi for operations in Hupeh. Tsao Kun and Chang Hui Chi left for Pootungfu to inspect the troops.

## GENERAL LUNG'S SILENCE.

No telegrams have been received from General Lung Chai Kwong for eight days. The Peking Government asked inquiries yesterday and no reply had been received as yet.

## TSEN CHUN HUEN.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.  
Tsen Chun Huen has given up the task of arranging mediation and has telegraphed to Li Shun, saying that henceforth he will have nothing to do with the settlement of the dispute between the North and South.

## SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

In buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for colds, croup, and whooping cough, and that it contains no harmful drugs. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE AIR-RAID ON LONDON.

## THE LONGEST SO FAR EXPERIENCED.

London, Jan. 29.  
Last night's was the most prolonged air raid London has so far experienced, it lasting intermittently for over five hours.

There was a full moon and a cloudless sky and the night was practically windless.

Our gunfire was of the heaviest, while the rattling of machine-guns was more audible than usual, betokening the activity of the British airmen engaging the raiders. There were intervals of silence of varying duration, then renewed outbreaks of fire as another relay of raiders appeared.

General Smuts' lecture was punctuated by the sound of the guns. The President told the audience they could retire to the basement, but there were cries of "Carry on," and General Smuts proceeded with his lecture, in which he interpolated many humorous asides.

The House of Lords resumed its discussion of the Franchise Bill in the middle of the raid.

## THE CASUALTIES.

All official communiques give the following casualties:—

Men. Women. Children.

Killed 14 17 16

Injured 93 69 17

All the casualties occurred in London with the exception of one killed and seven injured.

The material damage was not serious.

## AN ENEMY MACHINE BROUGHT DOWN.

London, Jan. 29.

An official message says:—

Two groups of raiders crossed the Essex coast, and one group the Kent coast and proceeded to London. The latter dropped bombs on Thames Isle and Sheppey. One of the raiders crossed the estuary of the Thames, approaching East London through Essex.

About fifteen machines participated in these attacks, four or five of which reached the capital and bombed various districts.

Later, other aeroplanes crossed the Essex coast, one reaching London, where it dropped bombs between 12.16 and 12.30.

Two Flying Corps scouts, after a brief fight at close range, set an enemy aeroplane on fire over Essex, which fell in flames from ten thousand feet and its crew of three were burnt to death.

Several other engagements took place. One of our machines pursued a raider and fought an indecisive air battle over the sea.

All of our machines returned.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## GENERAL ACTIVITY.

London, Jan. 30.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We repulsed an attempted raid southward of the Scarpe. The enemy did not reach our trenches.

Hostile artillery was active at Arras and Ypres. Our aeroplanes yesterday dropped four hundred bombs on Boulers, Mezin and an aerodrome near Tournai and fired several thousand rounds at enemy troops. Air fighting was continuous all day. We shot down two and drove down six. Three of ours are missing.

Last night we dropped six and a half tons of bombs on billets, railway stations and trains and on two night flying aerodromes near Ghent and Tournai.

All of our machines returned.

## GERMAN CLAIMS.

London, Jan. 29.

A German official message states:—

We brought down thirteen aeroplanes yesterday on the West Front.

We dropped bombs on London and Sheerness with good effect.

## NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

## GERMAN AERODROMES BOMBED.

London, Jan. 29.

The Admiralty reports:—

Naval aircraft dropped many bombs yesterday on aerodromes at Aertrycke and Eggen.

Two enemy machines were brought down during patrols. All of ours returned.

## A BRITISH ESCORT SUNK.

London, Jan. 30.

The Admiralty announces that the armed escort vessel *Mechanic* was torpedoed and subsequently stranded in the English Channel on January 28 as the result of a collision. Three men were lost.

## A TORPEDO BOAT SUNK.

London, Jan. 30.

The torpedo gunboat *Harard* was sunk in the English Channel on January 28 as the result of a collision. Three men were lost.

## GOEBEN NO LONGER ASHORE.

London, Jan. 29.

The Admiralty states that reconnaissance on Sunday at midnight showed that the *Goeben* was no longer ashore at Nagasaki Point.

## APPALLING CHAOTIC SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

## BOLSHEVIST ACTIVITY IN FINLAND.

London, Jan. 29.

The outstanding feature of the appallingly chaotic situation in Russia is the Bolshevik determination to crush all opponents. They are openly assisting to upset the Government of Finland by aiding the Finnish Red Guards and sanguinary fighting is occurring in several towns.

The Bolsheviks claim to control Helsinki.

Apparently, the Bolshevik Government in Petrograd is determined at any cost to prevent the establishment of any anti-Bolshevik regime in Finland, Ukraine or elsewhere, which would endanger its own existence.

The rupture with Rumania.

A Petrograd semi-official message states:—

When Rumania opened hostilities against the Russian Republic the Council of Commissioners decided on the temporary detention of the Rumanian Ambassador. This measure did not prevent a continuance of the offences. Accordingly the Council of the People's Commissioners decreed the rupture of diplomatic relations, deportation of the Rumanian Embassy by the shortest route, confiscating Rumanian gold deposited in Moscow, which the Commissioners will keep for the Rumanian people, and the outlawry of General Tcherbacheff, commanding on the Rumanian Front, as a rebel to the Revolution.

## THE BERLIN STRIKE AGITATORS.

## WANT A DEFINITE STATEMENT OF WAR AIMS.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.

The *Korrespondenzblatt*, the organ of the German Trade Unions, states that the strike agitators in Berlin demand as a reply to Mr. Lloyd George's speech of Jan. 18 a definite statement of German war aims in the West, also negotiation of workers in peace negotiations.

The *Forwards*, while avoiding direct references to the strike, warns the Government that the people want food and peace and any attempt to forcibly thwart them will be dangerous.

There is some suspicion that the German Government is permitting the transmission of such news as above in order to influence the Labourites in Allied countries, particularly in Britain.

## PARTIAL STRIKE ADMITTED.

London, Jan. 29.

In connection with the recent reports of labour troubles at Berlin a "partial strike" is now semi-officially admitted.

Unofficial messages from Berlin state that there are a thousand strikers, chiefly from metallurgical factories, notably the Daimler and Borsig motor works.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## ENEMY POSITIONS BROKEN THROUGH.

London, Jan. 29.

An Italian official message says:—

We stormed, yesterday, the heights eastward of Asiago basin and broke through the enemy positions at several points, overcoming a stubborn defence. Subsequently we resisted violent counter-offensives, taking 1,500 prisoners.

Our artillery co-operated with that of the Allies in dispersing reinforcements in the Nos and Camporeale valleys.

Our aircraft, every where, were superior and brought down twelve machines.

## GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message says:—

The Italians have attacked between Asiago and Brenta.

## LATER.

A German official message states:—

An Italian attack broke down at Monte Sisemol. A counter-attack regained Monte di Valtella on which the enemy gained a foothold. We threw back the enemy at Col del Rosso and between Frenela and the Brenta, making prisoners of 360. We stopped twenty-one bombs on the Casale Franco Triviso and Mestre on Saturday night, causing big fires.

## REPORTED RESIGNATION OF RUMANIAN PREMIER.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.

A Berlin telegram states that the Rumanian Premier, M. Brattiano, has resigned and that General Averescu is succeeding him.

## THE LOST GERMAN COLONIES.

London, Jan. 29.

A meeting organized to consider the future of Germany's lost colonies by the Committee of the British Workers' League recently resolved on regarding the administration of the mandate for the brilliant achievement of British and Allied arms in rescuing the peoples of territories formerly under German control from that ruthless administration, repudiating the proposals of the Labour Party to hand over these territories to a cosmopolitan commission, and pledging itself to do its utmost to prevent their return to Germany.

A copy of the resolution was sent to Mr. Lloyd George who has now replied thanking the Committee and expressing his appreciation of the resolution.

## THE "ADENIA"

London, Jan. 29.

It is officially confirmed that the *Adenia* has sunk, apparently while being towed into port.

## GENERAL SMUTS ON GERMAN COLONIAL AIMS.

The following is the continuation of General Smuts' speech, the first part of which appeared in our yesterday's issue.

London, Jan. 29.

"This Central African block, maps of which are being prepared at the Colonial Office in Berlin, is intended, firstly, to supply the economic requirements and raw materials for German industry; secondly, and far more important, to become the recruiting ground for vast native armies the great value of which has been demonstrated in East Africa, while the natural harbours on the Atlantic and Indian Oceans will supply naval and submarine bases from which both ocean routes will be dominated and British and American sea power brought to naught. Native armies would be useful in the next great war in which the German General Staff is already giving serious attention, as appears from General von Freytag's recent book. The untamed levies of the Union of South Africa will go down before these German trained hordes of Africans, who will also be able to deal with North Africa and Egypt without the defection of any white troops from Germany, and they will also mean a great army planted on the flank of Asia whose force could be felt throughout the Middle East as far as Persia and perhaps even farther."

General Smuts proceeded to show that this was no mere fanciful picture, quoting in support of it the recent utterances and writings of Colonial Secretary Sir, Professor Delbreck, Franz Kolbe and Emil Zimmermann.

Continuing, General Smuts said the British Empire's point of view was very different. Great Britain never had any military ambitions apart from the sea power which was essential to its existence. It had always opposed militarisation of the natives of Africa; it had always studied the natives' interest and regarded their points of view with special favour, often to the disappointment of white settlers. No impartial person can deny that the results of this policy on the whole had been beneficial to the natives. British statesmen had avoided the dangerous course of regarding the native primarily as the raw material of a military world power. Britain's objects in Africa were inherently pacific and defensive. Looking to the future from the broadest point of view and looking further upon Africa as the half-way house to India and Australia, the British Empire took only a selfish interest in peace and the security of its external communications. It cannot allow the return of conditions which mean the militarisation of the natives and their employment for schemes of world power. It cannot allow naval and submarine bases to be organised on both coasts of Africa to the endangerment of the sea communications of the Empire and the peace of the world. It must insist upon through land-communications from one end of Africa to the other.

Regarding the disposal of the German colonies General Smuts said that as long as there was no real change of heart in Germany and no irrevocable break with militarism, the law of self-preservation should be considered paramount. No "fresh extension of Prussian militarism on other continents and seas should be tolerated and conquered German colonies can only be regarded as guarantees for the future peace of the world. He was sure this opinion was shared by the vast bulk of the Dominions. They had no military ambitions, their greatest aim was peace, they joined the war voluntarily and were largely responsible for the destruction of Germany's Colonial Empire and the consequent prevention of the German military system spreading to the ends of the earth. They should not be asked to consent to the restoration to a militant Germany of fresh footholds for militarism in the southern hemisphere, thus endangering the future of their young and rising communities. They wanted a new Monroe Doctrine for the South for their protection against European militarism. The enemy's stubborn defence of East Africa proved the supreme importance Germany attached to it both economically and as a strategic point of departure for the establishment of a Central African Empire. Premature annexation of German East Africa to Germany might therefore have consequences reaching far beyond Africa. It was too difficult to foresee that the East African campaign, while apparently a side show in the great world war, may yet have important bearings on the future of the world. At the conclusion of peace our statesmen will be bound to bear in mind this wider and deeper issue fraught with such consequences to the world and particularly the British Empire.

He concluded by hoping that the "land where so many heroes have lost their lives or health while under the most terrible and most exacting conditions of human loyalty and human service poured out so lavishly in a great cause, may never be allowed to become a message to the future peaceful development of the world. I am sure my gallant boys, dead and living, would wish no other or greater reward."

## BELGIAN MINISTERS' TRIBUTE.

M. Renkin, the Belgian Colonial Minister, paid a high tribute to General Smuts and dwelt on the triumph of Anglo-Belgian co-operation.

## MR. LUNG'S HOPE.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. Lung said that General Smuts' campaign in East Africa laid the foundation of the crumbling of German power, which had continued ever since. He hoped that General Smuts' address would be widely circulated and read by all people who desired that this great and terrible war should end in a durable and real peace and that the lesson taught by General Smuts that night would be learned by those who were determined that the losses of this war would not have been in vain.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

ACCOUNT FOR 1917.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—With reference to the summary of the working accounts for 1917, as published yesterday, and in view of the record profits earned during the year, the recommendation of the Directors to pay a Final Dividend of 14½ only must surprise many Shareholders and investors. An explanation from the Directors as to their object in carrying forward almost the entire net earnings of the year will be greatly appreciated.

The net profit for 1917, after paying all charges, debenture interest and liquidating (£6,320.17.4) the balance from 1915 amounted to £43,522.8.7. Out of this an Interim of 7½ and a Final Dividend of 25½, making in all 33½, were declared and paid on account 1917, absorbing £24,375, and after writing down Tramway Undertakings by £2,411.13.8 to conform with the valuations made in 1909, the balance of £16,735.14.11 was carried forward, representing more than three times the carry forward from 1915.

The net profit for 1917, after paying all charges, debenture interest and liquidating £16,705.14.11—the balance from 1915—amounts to £60,951.14.4. Out of this an Interim Dividend of 9½ (2½ MORE than the previous year) was paid during the year and now the Directors recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of only 14½ (9½ LESS than the previous year) making in all 23½ absorbing £18,587.10.0 and to carry forward the balance of £42,364.4.4. This balance represents almost the entire earnings of the year or in other words 52½ of the Capital or 7 times the carry forward from 1915.

I should be glad if the Directors, for the interests of investors, will favour me with replies to the following questions:—

What is the reason for recommending LESS Final after having declared MORE Interim Dividend as compared with the previous year in view of the very satisfactory and record results for last year?

What is the reason for recommending to carry forward such a large sum i.e. £42,364.4.4 compared to:—

£ 7,479.13.3. from 1913

£ 6,897.6.1. from 1914

£ 6,320.17.4. from 1915

£16,705.14.11 from 1916

It is reasonable to anticipate that in view of extensions of the present lines, the Directors have in mind the idea of giving new shares instead of large dividends, as the present carry forward is enough for one free new share for every two shares held.

It is also quite possible that in view of the present high rate of Sterling Exchange, the Directors have bought or intend to buy and cancel large quantities of the Debentures of the Company, which are, I understand, obtainable at about 25½ discount. This of course means a great deal of profit now and saving of interest in future. The undivided profits under this heading amounted to £7,989.13.4. on the 31st December 1916 and should amount to about £9,800 at the end of last year on account of further redemptions of Debentures during the year amounting to about £9,000.0.0.

The Banks and the General Public consider the shares of this concern as sound and undoubted, and as such, are held mostly as investments by people who look for reasonable appreciation of the annual profits in dividends etc. The prospects of the Company are very favourable in view of the fact that in spite of heavier expenses the collections (on an average \$2,000 a day) exceed the total daily expenditure of about 50¢ per 1916 and 1917 accounts. The Directors must therefore have very good reasons, in the interest of the Shareholders, for holding back such a large sum and in fairness to all concerned, I trust an official declaration will be made in order to avoid any temporary and undue depression in the market value of the stock.

Yours etc.,  
INVESTOR.

## THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

Sir,—May I be permitted, as Corresponding Secretary in Hongkong of the above Institute, to express the hope that many British residents in this Colony will come forward and join the above Association in this year when it is celebrating its Jubilee.

Started in 1869, at a time when the notion of the solidarity of the Empire was comparatively new, the Institute, the Royal Colonial Institute has, since then, been a successful and influential body, and has been a great help to the Empire in its development.

I shall be happy to receive and forward to London the names of those who desire to become Non-Resident Fellows. Yours faithfully,  
HARVEY FOLK.

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A Non-Resident Fellow, on joining, pays an entrance fee of one guinea and a subscription of one guinea for the year ending the 31st December, then next ensuing, and thenceforward annually at the same rate, and he does not become liable to pay the Resident Fellow's subscription, which latter is only two guineas per annum, until he remains in the United Kingdom for a period exceeding twelve months. Such subscription includes the Institute's interesting monthly Journal, "United Empire," which deals with a variety of important subjects.

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HARVEY FOLK.

## CONCERT AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

The concert given at the Helena May Institute, last night, was very well attended; H. E. The Governor and Miss May; H. E. Major General Ventris and Miss Ventris; Mrs. Sanderson and the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.C. being amongst those present.

A very enjoyable programme of music was provided and encores were the order of the evening.

Mrs. Roland Braddell sang a couple of character songs in a most fetching style. Mrs. Gordon made a welcome reappearance on the concert platform and her fine











## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

## LECTURE.

At Headquarters, Friday, 1st February, 7.30 p.m. Subject, Map Reading and Field Sketching.

Orders for Infantry Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

Parades at Police Battery.

FRIDAY, 1st February.

7.30 p.m. Night Half Company, Full Parade.

8.15 p.m. Left Half Company, Full Parade.

SUNDAY 3rd February.

Night and Left Half Companies. Full charge practice at Belcher's Battery, parade at 9 a.m.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

25th inst. to 1st February.

E. L. Manning, Night at Belcher's and Lyceum. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 5.45 p.m.

Electricians at 6.00 p.m.

OFFICERS' MEETING FOR DUTY.

Belcher's, 2nd Lieut. Matthewman.

Lyceum, Captain James.

Stonewall, Lieut. Stevenson.

LECTURE.

Lecture on Musketry will be given by the Adjutant at Headquarters on 25th inst. at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.s and men (other than Quarry Bay residents) not on first relief to attend. A lecture on Musketry will be given by the Adjutant at Quarry Bay Dock to Quarry Bay residents on 31st inst. at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.s and not on first relief to attend.

MUSKETRY.

N.C.O.s and men of Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, as notified by the Company Sergeant Major, will be at King's Park Range on Sunday, 2nd February. Details at Belcher's Relief for February, 1918, is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

"B" Company.

PARADE.

FRIDAY, 1st February.

4.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon. Annual Musketry Competition. Part 1. Practices 15 and 16, at King's Park Range. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m. No. 7 Platoon, at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

MUSKETRY COMPANY.

Dress for all parades, clean fatigue with side pockets.

FRIDAY, 1st February.

5.10 p.m. Parade at Headquarters for N.C.O.s only.

SIGNALING SECTION.

FRIDAY, 1st February.

5.15 p.m. Right Half Section and those of Left Half who have not completed Tests of Elementary Training, at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches. Sergeant Major will attend on 3rd inst.

SECURITY.

FRIDAY, 1st February.

5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Major, Edwards and Messrs. Dress Drill order.

"D" COMPANY.

FRIDAY, 1st February.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, on Murray Parade Ground, Musketry instruction. Dress, Drill order with pouches. Sergeant Major, O'Connell and Corp. Grimes will attend.

DETAILS.

On duty to 25th inst. "B" Company.

On duty 25th, 31st inst. and 1st Feb. inclusive. Mounted Section and Machine Gun Company.

On duty 2nd to 9th Feb. inclusive. "A" Company.

On duty 10th to 15th Feb. inclusive. "C" Company.

Orderly Officer from 25th to 2nd Feb. Lieut. Branch.

Orderly Officer from 3rd to 9th Feb. Lieut. Evans-Jones.

Until further order, the Mounted Section and Machine Gun Company will count as one unit for Guard duties.

G. E. STEWART, Captain.

Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

## THE "CHINA MAIL"

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## LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS.

## OUTWARD.

For WEEK-DAYS SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

Jai O ... 5.00 P.M. 9.30 A.M.

Tai Po ... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Cheung Chow ... 7.30 A.M. 8.30 A.M.

Shatouk, Sha-tin and Sheungshui ... 4.00 P.M.

Aberdeen, Angus, P. & S. Shan, Sai Kung, Santin, Stanley ... 4.30 P.M.

Canton, Samoi and Wuchow ... 7.30 A.M. 5.00 P.M.

Macao ... 7.15 A.M. 9.00 A.M.

Kongmoon ... 8.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.

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On Bombay ... nom.

On Calcutta ... nom.

On Ceylon ... nom.

On Singapore ... nom.

On Manila ... 127

On demand ... 127

On Shanghai ... nom.

On demand ... nom.

30 days sight (private paper) ... nom.

On Yokohama ... 137

On demand ... 137

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ... 4.60

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## Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa ... lb. 24

Prime Cut ... lb. 24

Corried—Ham Ngau Yek ... lb. 23

Roast—Shio ... lb. 24

Braised—Ngau Nam ... lb. 20

Soup—Tong Yek ... lb. 24

Steak—Ngau Yek Pa ... lb. 24

Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lan ... lb. 20

Sausages—Ngau Cheung ... lb. 26

Bullcock's Brisket—Ngau No per set ... lb. 26

Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li ... lb. 20

Tongue, cured—Ham Ngau Li ... lb. 20

Head—Ngau Tan ... lb. 100

Heart—Ngau Sam ... lb. 13

Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin ... lb. 20

Foot—Ngau Kank ... lb. 10

Kidneys—Ngau Yin ... lb. 20

Tail—Ngau Mei ... lb. 20

Liver—Ngau Kank ... lb. 13

Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To ... lb. 6

Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau Tan ... lb. 10

Mutton Chop—Yeung Fui Kwai ... lb. 28

Leg—Yeung Fui Kwai ... lb. 28

Shoulder—Yeung Fui Kwai ... lb. 28

Saddle—Yeung Fui Kwai ... lb. 28

Pigs' Chindings—Chu Cheung per set ... lb. 22

Brains—Chu Kank ... lb. 15

Feet—Chu Kank ... lb. 15

Fry—Chu Chap ... lb. 15

Head—Chu Tan ... lb. 20

Heart—Chu Sam ... lb. 10

Kidneys—Chu Yin ... lb. 10

Liver—Chu Kank ... lb. 10

Loins—Chu Han Yek ... lb. 21

Pai or Lard—Chu Yek ... lb. 21

Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung ... lb. 20

Tail—Chu Kank ... lb. 20

Heart—Yeung Sam ... lb. 15

Kidneys—Yeung Yin ... lb. 15

Liver—Yeung Kank ... lb. 15

Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai ... lb. 25

Suck, Boar—Shang Ngau Yek ... lb. 25

Mutton—Shang Ngau Yek ... lb. 25

Veal—Ngau Tai Yek ... lb. 20

Sausage—Ngau Tai Cheung ... lb. 20

Lard—Chu Yek ... lb. 20

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu ... lb. 16

Bream—Pin Yu ... lb. 21

Canton Fresh Water Fish ... lb. 18

Hei Sin Yu ... lb. 18

Carp—Li Yu ... lb. 16

Catfish—Chik Yu ... lb. 12

Goddish—Man Yu ... lb. 20

Crisp—Hui Yu ... lb. 23

Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu ... lb. 16

Dab—Sha Ming Yu ... lb. 23

Dace—Wong Mei Lap ... lb. 10

Dog Fish—Tie To Sha ... lb. 10

Kelk Conger—Hoi Man ... lb. 16

Fresh water—Tam Shui Yu ... lb. 20

Yellow—Wong Sin ... lb. 26

Frog—Tin Kai ... lb. 26

Garanga—Shak Pat ... lb. 18

Gadgong—Pak Kap Yu ... lb. 23

Herring—Tie Pak ... lb. 23

Halibut—Cheung Kwai Kap ... lb. 23

Labeus—Wong Fa Yu ... lb. 23

Loach—Wai Yu ... lb. 23

Loach—Lung Yu ... lb. 23

Mackerel—On Yu ... lb. 20

Monk Fish—Mong Yu ... lb. 20

Mullet—Tui Yu ... lb. 18